

Remarks

The Non-Final Office Action of May 12, 2006, has been carefully reviewed and these remarks are responsive thereto.

Claims 1, 4, 6, 8, and 23 have been amended. Claims 2-3, 5, 12-13, 20-22, and 24-26 have been cancelled. Claims 10-11, 14-20, and 33-35 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 36 and 37 have been added. No new matter has been entered.

Reconsideration and allowance of the instant application are respectfully requested.

Interview of August 17, 2006

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the interview of August 17, 2006. The Examiner and the undersigned discussed the rejections and the communication pathways regarding claims 1 and 23. Applicants have amended the claims to comport with the discussion August 17, 2006.

Rejection of Claims 6 and 8 Under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 4, 6, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Applicants have amended claims 4, 6, and 8 to overcome these rejections.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) over Geiger et al.

Claims 1, 4, 6-9, 23, and 27-32 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) over Geiger et al. Applicant traverses the rejection.

Claim 1 recites:

“ obtaining information from said control point by said token
via a second communication pathway;
transmitting via said first communication pathway ...”

Geiger et al. only discloses one communication pathway as compared to the claimed two communication pathways. Accordingly, claim 1 is allowable over Geiger et al.

Claims 4 and 6-9 are allowable for at least the reasons set forth above.

Claim 23 recites:

“ a wireless communication portion that obtains information via a first communication path regarding said control point and communicates wirelessly via a second communication path ...”

As above, Geiger et al. only discloses one communication path. Accordingly, claim 23 is allowable over Geiger et al.

Claims 27-32 are allowable for at least the reasons described above.

New claims 36 and 37 are believed allowable as depending on allowable claims.

All rejections having been addressed, applicant respectfully submits that the instant application is in condition for allowance, and respectfully solicits prompt notification of the same. However, if for any reason the Examiner believes the application is not in condition for allowance or there are any questions, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at (202) 824-3184.

Respectfully submitted,
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